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**GOV. JOHN HOEVEN TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORT  
OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY FORUM**  
*Governor's Award Recognizes Achievements Promoting Energy Efficiency*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (June 10, 2002) – Gov. John Hoeven of North Dakota will be recognized at the 13th annual Energy Efficiency Forum on June 12 at the National Press Club for his efforts in support of energy efficiency. Hoeven will receive the Governor's Energy Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have contributed to energy efficiency at the state level.

As chair of the National Governors Association's (NGA) Committee on Natural Resources, North Dakota Governor Hoeven has been a strong proponent of an effective national energy policy. The energy policy promoted by Hoeven through the NGA has been called a balanced approach to conservation, consumption, environmental concerns and protection of the domestic oil industry.

Governor Hoeven has worked closely with the legislature to promote excellence in energy efficiency. Under Hoeven's leadership, the North Dakota State Buildings Energy Conservation Program has provided grant funding to state institutions and agencies for the installation and implementation of energy efficiency measures. In addition, the State Energy Program (SEP) provides a range of energy conservation-related programs, including energy education, energy codes and transportation to reduce the rate of growth of energy demand by

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developing and implementing a comprehensive state energy plan supported by federal financial and technical assistance.

Governor Hoeven also serves as vice chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and the Governor's Ethanol Coalition. With new energy efficiency applications and technologies, numerous cost-effective ways are being explored as ways to use less energy while increasing comfort and contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment.

The annual Energy Efficiency Forum in Washington, D.C. is a nonpartisan event designed to raise awareness of energy efficiency issues. It is co-sponsored by the United States Energy Association (USEA) and Johnson Controls, Inc. The Energy Leadership Awards are traditionally given in four areas: Governor's, Congressional, International and Public Service. For more information on the Energy Efficiency Forum, visit [www.eeforum.net](http://www.eeforum.net).

USEA is composed of approximately 150 public and private energy-related organizations, corporations and government agencies. It represents the United States in the World Energy Council.

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